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No preliminary patentability search was conducted prior to the filing of the instant application, and at the present time, applicants are not aware of any relevant prior art which would be citable pursuant to the requirements of 37 C.F.R. 1.56.

Respectfully submitted

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I hereby certify that the foregoing Information Disclosure Statement Under Rule 1.56 in application Serial No. 10/688,617, filed October 17, 2003 by Inventor Jonathan Thompson et al, entitled ``FILTER APPARATUS'' is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as First Class mail, postage prepaid, in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 12th day of December 2003.

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